

# ESSENTIAL GEORGIA

Georgia

## Taste a flavour of the country

The journey of discovery leads us to different regions in Georgia, along the Caucasus Mountains and lowlands with fascinating landscapes and its inhabitants. The less traveled corners in the isolation of the Caucasus Mountains with turbulent histories, lifestyle and ethnological diversity, as well as ancient cave towns impress the visitor.

- Day 1: Arrival in Tbilisi;** met and assisted at the airport.
- Day 2: Tbilisi;** visit Tbilisi, a town which conquers you with increasing fascination and lodges in your heart forever.
- Day 3: Tbilisi - Signaghi - Tsinandali - Tbilisi;** Kakheti region is well-known for its hardworking, good-tempered people, and mostly for its wines. Ancient Georgian traditional Qvevri wine-making is listed in Intangible Cultural Heritage Monuments by UNESCO. This excursion aims to give you Georgian wine tasting experience.
- Day 4: Tbilisi - Mtskheta - Stepantsminda;** in order to see the high peaks, roaring rivers and mountain lifestyle of Georgia's northern borderlands travel to Stepantsminda via Mtskheta (UNESCO site), visit Jvari church (6th c) and Svetitskhoveli cathedral (11th c).
- Day 5: Stepantsminda and its surroundings;** visit Gergeti Trinity church (14th c.), which reflects the severe beauty of glaciers and austerity of local people called Mokheves. Enjoy beautiful views of Mount Kazbek (5047 m), called by locals the "Bride of Khevi".
- Day 6: Stepantsminda - Ananuri - Borjomi;** proceed to Borjomi spa resort, famous for its mineral water with curative effects, via Ananuri architectural complex overlooking Jinali Dum.
- Day 7: Borjomi - Akhalsikhe - Vardzia - Borjomi;** venture to explore the rock-hewn complex of Vardzia, via Akhalsikhe, one of the remarkable monuments of Georgian Golden Ages.
- Day 8: Borjomi - Uplistsikhe - Tbilisi;** explore the Uplistsikhe Cave Town, in translation The Fortress of God, first settled in the 16th - 15th cc BC.
- Day 9: Departure;** transfer to the airport.



Purpose of this PDF is to give you general information about provided program.  
**As always, we design and tailor tours to ensure that they are perfect fit for our customers.**  
**Please contact us to design tailored tour for you.**

Program details, including transportation, accommodation, catering, events, and experiences, will be shared upon completing the request form and through ongoing communication to tailor to visitors' specific needs and wishes.

BEST SEASON FOR THE TOUR BY MONTH

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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TOUR TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS			
Total Touring Distance ≈ 1280 km	Total driving time ≈ 23,5 hours		
Longest driving distance per day ≈ 315 km	Longest driving time per day ≈ 5 hours		
O/N by locations: 3+2+2+1 = 8 Nights	Walking total ≈ 8,5 hours		
Adopted conditions for disabled person*	No	Partly	Fully

\* Caucasus Travel takes special care of disabled persons, doing the best to adopt and improve conditions for disabled persons, when/where it is possible



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# About the Programs, Services and More...

**The Sample Programs** shown on this site, are based on customers frequent requests and points of interests, however as usual, we design and tailor tours for our customers to meet their best interests.

Provided programs give an opportunity to travel and enjoy the hospitality of the Caucasus Countries; experience traditions of these countries, geographically so close to each other but still so different; taste local cuisine and get in touch with local people; get acquainted with their life-style, visit museums, important architectural monuments and enjoy diversity of the landscapes by visiting lowlands and the Caucasus Mountains.

Even though programs are mainly focused on excursions and cultural experiences some elements of active leisure can be organically incorporated in the program without much changes. Opportunities of short hiking, early morning short biking or horse riding, ballooning, etc., are very common and desired options for visitors.

**Sightseeing** - Our programs are combinations of the most interesting and thematically different visits to cultural, architectural, historical, archaeological sites, museums, galleries, nature sites and National Parks; at most sites brief written information is given in English and guided tours are available in English and other European languages. In places where local guides are not available or do not speak the language requested by our guests Caucasus Travel guides are there to assist with guiding and translation.

**Experience** - Along the cultural programs we offer unique experiences: meet locals, enjoy craft workshops, culinary master classes, thematic meetings. Book events and receptions in the most unexpected places, meet outstanding interesting people, speakers, artists, experts.

Enjoy short and easy hiking in some programs, also use an opportunity to book horseback, white water easy rafting & other activities or relaxing boat tours and ballooning opening fascinating views.

Travel from country to country and create your own unforgettable memories.

**Supply & Network** - We are strengthened by professional, reliable, loyal suppliers and partners in cities and rural areas of Georgia and the Caucasus. One can guess, that during years of mutually successful business and sincere relationship, we have earned huge network of partnership in accommodation, catering, transportation or in any needed field of supply. This is our wealth and the strongest point.

**Accommodation** - In all three countries we have a wide choice of international and local hotels offering high standard hospitality services. We couple the tradition with the comfort. Our visitors choosing accommodation places from big variety of properties, from beautiful Guest Houses to Superior Hotels. Providing hotels of all categories, we are working with best of them and having great deals for our customers.

**Food & Catering** - We serve our guests in the best local restaurants, providing big variety of National and European food. There are also many Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Thai and other exotic food restaurants available in all three countries. When and where it is needed we provide picnic, snacks, fruits, drinks, and of course unlimited bottled water while transportation.

**Transportation** - Depending on group size we provide appropriate types of comfortable vehicles: for large groups medium or full size busses (30-45 seats); for smaller groups minibuses (15 seats) and minivans; for individual travellers we offer sedan type cars or SUV. Vehicles will usually be changed while crossing land borders between the countries, as well as drivers, to guarantee local expertise.

**Professional Staff** with "Field Experience" - Company Managers and staff have had special training in tourism management in various leading institutions of Europe, USA and Japan. Caucasus Travel employs and contracts people with diverse professional backgrounds. This enables us competently and successfully plan, design and carry various tours in many fields of interest: archaeology, history, culture, art, ethnology, etc. ....

**Guides** - In each country we employ top professional, well-trained and experienced guides. Having wide knowledge and interests, they are very enthusiastic to show the best of the country, its life, moderate communication with locals and always will be glad to assist guests best interest.

**Languages** - Our managers, office staff, guides are fluent in 3-4 languages. We speak and guiding tours in English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, Korean languages.

## How to get there...

**Flights** - Direct flights to Tbilisi, Yerevan, Baku also Kutaisi and Batumi are available from the main European and Asian cities. Flights are operated by: Lufthansa, Turkish Airlines, Qatar Airways, Air France, Condor, LOT, Air Baltic, Wizz Air, FlyDubai, Eurowings, Pegasus, Air Arabia, many more.., and of course Georgian, Armenian and Azerbaijani national carriers.

**Visa** is not required for Georgia for the citizens of the USA, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Japan, Israel, Turkey, citizens of EU member countries and CIS - full list is available on [www.mfa.gov.ge](http://www.mfa.gov.ge). Those, who require visa for Georgia will be able to obtain e-visa through [www.evisa.gov.ge](http://www.evisa.gov.ge).

Please find information about visa requirements in Armenia on [www.mfa.am](http://www.mfa.am). Visa can be obtained at Armenian border upon arrival. The citizens of some countries need invitation letter in order to get visa at the consulate of Armenia in their country of residence. The list of the countries can be found on [www.mfa.am](http://www.mfa.am).

Visa for Azerbaijan has to be arranged before arrival. You can find information about visa requirements on [www.mfa.gov.az](http://www.mfa.gov.az). Please note, that e-visa for Azerbaijan can be provided by Caucasus Travel and on supplementary basis.

**Passport** must be valid for at least six months (required for all three countries).

## Please contact us for questions or enquiries...

We are open for collaboration and keen to develop new product and projects to satisfy the most demanding customers. Having decades of experience in operating in South Caucasus, we have hosted travellers from many countries and nationalities, gaining great understanding of their cultural, practical customs and expectations.

We carefully select the product and all its components. We participate in all the steps in the product development - from generating ideas to designing logistical schemes of day-to-day operations. We constantly monitor and control our suppliers (hotels, restaurants, transportation, etc.). When developing a product, should this be for individuals or groups, we consider four major parameters: content, safety, quality and price. Of course, final shape of the product is defined according to the priorities settled by the customer.

**So, welcome to South Caucasus - have a great Cultural Experience and Lifelong Impression.**

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